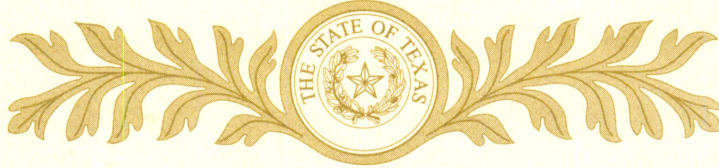


# The State of Texas



## RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Across the United States, September 2008 is being commemorated as National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month, and the theme of this year's observance--"Join the Voices of Recovery: Real People, Real Recovery"--celebrates the ability of appropriate treatment to bring about lasting change and restore hope; and

WHEREAS, Substance use disorders affect some 22.6 million people aged 12 and older in this country; that figure, which represents 9.2 percent of the population, is more than the number of people living with coronary heart disease, cancer, and Alzheimer's disease combined; and

WHEREAS, It is critical that outreach efforts be undertaken to inform members of the community that substance use disorders are serious yet treatable health problems and that by approaching them as one does other chronic diseases, it is possible to improve the quality of life for the entire community; and

WHEREAS, In keeping with this worthy goal, Texas State Technical College has instituted a chemical dependency counselor associate degree training program at its extension center in Breckenridge, and the staff and students involved in this program are working hard to promote addiction prevention and awareness in the surrounding area; and

WHEREAS, Also supporting endeavors to address these issues are the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, an agency of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, and the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy; and

WHEREAS, Treatment and long-term recovery can offer a renewed outlook on life for those who are addicted as well as for members of their families, and this healing in turn contributes to the strength and vitality of the community at large; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That September 2008 be recognized as National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month and that area Texans be encouraged to learn more about this serious issue and available resources in their communities.



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